



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Scott Lewallen and Daniel D. Thacker  
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INSTRUMENT TO A TOOTH APICAL FORAMEN**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**24 January 2008**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The applicants amend the claims and requests reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11.